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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

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INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ON TIMOR PROBLEM

1. DURING AUGUST 26 COURTESY CALL BY CHARGE',
INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR ACHMAD TAHIR RAISED SUBJECT OF
TIMOR. ALTHOUGH HIS VIEWS WERE PERSONAL, LT.
GENERAL TAHIR IS MEMBER OF INDONESIAN ESTABLISHMENT,
FORMER MILITARY GOVERNOR OF SUMATRA 1970-73 AND HIS
OPINIONS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AND
EMBASSIES.
2. TAHIR SAID NEW INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN LISBON HAD
SEEN GOP FOREIGN MINISTER TO SEEK PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR
INDONESIAN ASSISTANCE TO RESTORE ORDER BUT HAD BEEN
UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANYTHING OTHER THAN REMARKS ON NEED
FOR REFUGEE EVACUATION. HE HOPED THAT A MORE STABLE
GOP WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH NEED
FOR RESTORING ORDER.
3. ON SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE INDONESIAN INTERVENTION
TAHIR VOLUNTEERED THAT GOI BUDGET COULD NOT AFFORD
TO MOUNT EXPENSIVE SEA AND AIR OPERATION WHICH WOULD
BE REQUIRED, SINCE ITS FORCES IN TIMOR INADEQUATE.

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HE EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR NAVAL BLOCKADE TO

PREVENT FLOW OF ARMS TO RIVAL COMBATTANTS ON THEORY
THAT THEY WOULD SOON BURN UP EXISTING AMMUNITION
SUPPLY, BUT WORRIED ABOUT PROBLEM OF CHINESE OR
RUSSIAN SUBMARINE BLOCKADE RUNNERS.

4. TAHIR SOUGHT CHARGE'S VIEWS ON PROBLEM AND WAS
OFFERED ANODYNE COMMENTS ON UNDESIRABILITY OF
UNINVITED UNILATERAL ACTIONS.
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